



# Ewa Monthly Report for November 2017 CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

Ewa, Ewa Beach, Mililani, Waikale, Village Park, and Royal Kunia



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## Message from Council Chair Ron Menor

### Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

I hope that you are all able to spend Veterans Day relaxing with your families. It is important that we take this time to commemorate those who have served our nation.

I would like to express my warmest congratulations to **Ewa Makai Middle School Student Activities Coordinator Vanessa Ching** who was named **2018 Hawaii State Teacher of the Year** in a ceremony at Washington Place. Mrs. Ching will now represent Hawaii in the 2018 National Teacher of the Year program in April.

I am looking forward to honoring Mrs. Ching at a City Council meeting in the near future.

I would also like to recognize Ewa Beach resident **Firefighter II Paul Myung** who was honored for his actions at a special commendation ceremony on November 9. I was proud to present Firefighter II Myung with an honorary certificate in recognition of his actions.

I hope you find this newsletter informative. If you need further assistance, please contact me at 768-5009 or via email at:

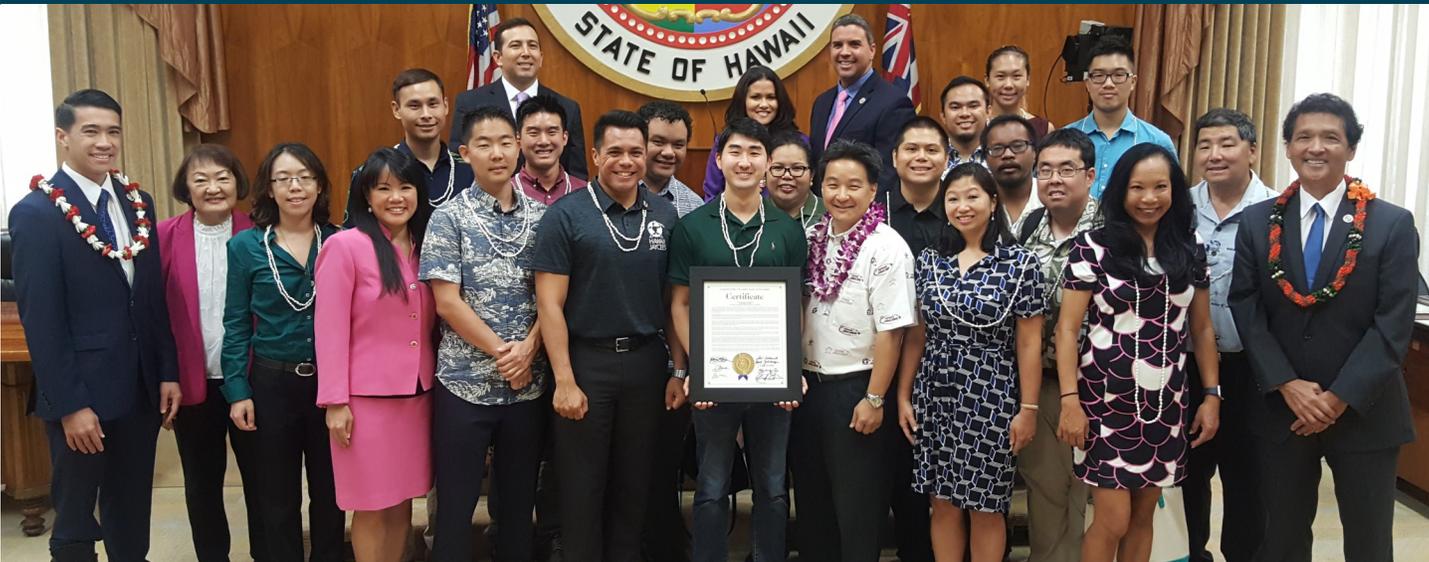
[rmenor@honolulu.gov](mailto:rmenor@honolulu.gov). Also, log on to: [facebook.com/CouncilmemberRonMenor](http://facebook.com/CouncilmemberRonMenor) for more details about my activities as your councilmember. Mahalo!

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DIABETES EDUCATORS



Chair Menor sponsored an honorary certificate recognizing the Hawaii Chapter of the American Association of Diabetes Educators in recognition of World Diabetes Day which will be observed on November 14. The honorary certificate was presented at the Council's November 1 meeting to representatives from the Hawaii Chapter. Pictured above in the front row, from left, Camlyn Masuda, Kourtney Inoue, Viola Genadio, Naomi Fukuda, Char Pidot-Buchner, Erlinda Infante, and Alana Busekrus. The honorees also sponsored free diabetes screenings outside of the Council chambers.

### HAWAII JAYCEES



The City Council also recognized the Hawaii Jaycees on the 10th anniversary of the non-profit organization's Adopt-A-School Day Project which is dedicated to supporting local schools, youths, and educators through meaningful service projects. The honorary certificate was presented at the Council's October 11 meeting.

## UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

### Hanakahi Street

Chair Menor is pleased to report that four speed humps were installed along Hanakahi Street on Friday, November 3. This project was initiated in response to concerns that were raised regarding the safety of students who are forced to cross Hanakahi Street while walking to and from school. Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23 considered the proposed project and ultimately passed a resolution in support of the installation of the speed humps.

### Miula Street Speed Bump

It was recently brought to Chair Menor's attention the need for a speed bump on Miula Street in the Ewa Villages. A concerned resident noted cars are constantly speeding along Miula Street during the after school rush hour which has created a hazardous situation for the many students who walk to and from Ewa Elementary School.

The request was forwarded to the City Department of Transportation Services which determined that Miula Street did require a speed bump which was installed late last month.

### Ewa Public Swimming Pool

At a previous meeting of Ewa Neighborhood No. 23, a James Campbell High School (JCHS) parent gave a presentation on the current state of the athletics facilities at JCHS. During their presentation, the parent noted that, currently, there is no public swimming pool in Ewa or Ewa Beach.

Chair Menor has met with City Parks Director Michele Nekota and has requested that the City Parks Department utilize planning funds that were approved by the City Council to begin the planning phase for a public swimming pool in the Ewa community. Chair Menor will continue to push for this project and

will provide updates in the future.

### Illegal Vacation Rentals

During its November 1 Council Meeting, the City Council heard testimony from Oahu residents regarding the issue of illegal vacation rentals. The Council then voted to approve four resolutions urging Mayor Kirk Caldwell's administration to draft bills for the Council's consideration that would increase regulations surrounding vacation rental units. Moreover, the Council has also requested that a bill be drafted that codifies how the City will enforce regulations pertaining to vacation rental units. As the Council cannot make changes to the Land Use Ordinance, any bill or bills proposed by the mayor's administration would then need to be reviewed by the Planning Commission before being heard by the City Council.

Mayor Caldwell's administration has indicated to the Council that a task force is being created to assist the administration in drafting possible legislation to address the problems created by illegal vacation rentals. Chair Menor will provide any necessary updates in the future.

### Ewa Villages Irrigation

The City Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) and the Ewa Villages Owners Association (EVOA) are currently working to draft a Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the EVOA to designate the required R1 Recycled Water Manager.

Chair Menor has strongly urged the City administration to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. In the meantime, DFM has continued to send City water trucks to water the trees on City medians.

Residents with questions or concerns can contact Natalie Jones of DFM at 768-3343.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Committee Meetings

Council committee meetings will be held at Honolulu Hale, Room 205, as follows:

#### Tuesday, November 14, 2017

- Public Health, Safety & Welfare: 9 am
- Parks, Cmty & Customer Svcs: 10:30 am
- Executive Matters & Legal Affairs: 1 pm

#### Wednesday, November 16, 2017

- Budget: 9 am
- Public Works, Infrastructure, & Sustainability: 1 pm

#### Thursday, November 17, 2017

- Zoning & Housing: 9 am
- Business, Econ Dev, & Tourism: 1 pm
- Transportation & Planning: 2:30 pm

### Council Meeting

#### Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street

- Morning Session: 10 am
- Afternoon Session: 1:30 pm

## Useful City Contact Information

- For concerns regarding refuse collection and bulky items:
  - ⇒ Pearl City baseyard (Waipahu, Ewa, Waipio Gentry, Royal Kunia, Halawa to Makakilo, Kapolei): 455-9644
- To dispose of household trash and residential waste material: 226-2996 (Ewa Convenience Center)
- To report an abandoned vehicle: 733-2530
- To report a pothole: 768-7777 (City street) or 536-7852 (State road) or email: [www1.honolulu.gov/dfm/road/pothole.htm](http://www1.honolulu.gov/dfm/road/pothole.htm)
- To file a complaint with the City's complaint office: 768-4381 or email: [complaints@honolulu.gov](mailto:complaints@honolulu.gov)
- To report sidewalks that are cracked or uplifted: 768-8159
- For concerns regarding park maintenance: 675-6030
- For concerns regarding bus and handivan operations: 768-8300
- For concerns regarding motor vehicle registration and drivers' licensing: 532-4324 or 532-4325
- Barking dogs: HPD (911) or the Hawaiian Humane Society (946-2187)
- Crowing roosters: 799-7791
- For complaints regarding public trees: 971-7151
- For complaints regarding satellite city halls: 532-7747
- For permits at City campgrounds: 768-3440
- For updates/ traffic advisories on Honolulu's rail transit project: 566-2299

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR



2018 Hawaii State Teacher of the Year Vanessa Ching, center, of Ewa Makai Middle School is Pictured above with Ewa Makai Middle School President Kim Sanders, left, and Complex Area Superintendent Heidi Armstrong at a ceremony which was held at Washington Place on October 27.